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I hereby claim the benefit pursuant to Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of the following United States provisional application(s):

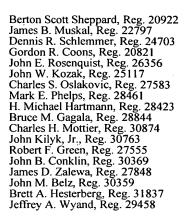
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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The undersigned inventors believe the original patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,660,946, to be partially inoperative by reason of claiming less than the undersigned had a right to claim. At least one error is now apparent to the applicants. With respect to the originally issued claims 1-9, these claims specify a seal lead-acid cell which includes an expandable cover area surrounding at least the terminal opening for the positive terminal, and a particularized terminal-cover sealing assembly arrangement. It is the belief of the undersigned that the present invention encompasses a sealed lead-acid cell comprising an expandable cover area, rather than only a sealed lead-acid cell comprising an expandable cover area and a particularized sealing arrangement. This error was made without any deceptive intent on the part of the applicants and was discovered only recently, during a review of the patent claims after the issuance of the patent. To rectify this error, the original independent claim 1 has been recast as independent claim 10 and added to the present application. The applicants have also included dependent claims 11-17 which more precisely define and describe the structure of the expandable cover area.

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